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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 270, 3/6/2015; HB 226, 3/6/2015

00:01:17 Recess

00:02:41 Sen. Kaufmann entered the hearing.

00:16:10 Reconvene

00:16:25 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing.

00:16:38 Sen. Brenden left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:47 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 270, Generally revise water discharge laws regarding nutrients.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:54 George Mathieus, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:22:52 Dave Gault, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:25:35 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

00:27:10 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:29:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Mining Association (MMA) and Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:44 Rep. Richmond

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:21 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 226, Revise oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:40 Dave Gault, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:36:04 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:36:52 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:40 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation Resource Development Division,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:38:28 Jim Halvorson, administrator, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
(MBOGC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:51 Sen. Phillips
00:39:05 Mr. Bostrom, DNRC
00:39:47 Sen. Ripley
00:40:26 Rep. Richmond
00:41:40 Sen. Hoven
00:41:58 Rep. Richmond
00:42:20 Sen. Hoven
00:42:25 Rep. Richmond
00:42:52 Sen. Hoven
00:42:58 Rep. Richmond
00:43:20 Mr. Bostrom
00:43:51 Sen. Keane
00:44:07 Mr. Halvorson, MBOGC
00:44:09 Sen. Keane
00:44:36 Mr. Halvorson
00:44:55 Sen. Keane
00:45:02 Mr. Halvorson
00:46:40 Sen. Keane
00:46:51 Mr. Halvorson
00:47:04 Rep. Richmond
00:47:51 Sen. Keane
00:48:10 Sen. Hoven
00:48:43 Mr. Bostrom
00:50:13 Sen. Hoven
00:50:47 Mr. Bostrom
00:51:00 Chairman Vincent
00:51:21 Mr. Bostrom
00:51:25 Chairman Vincent
00:52:48 Mr. Bostrom
00:52:52 Chairman Vincent
00:53:34 Rep. Richmond
00:54:53 Sen. Keane
00:55:34 Rep. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:17 Rep. Richmond
00:58:15 Sen. Fielder entered the hearing.

Committee Business:

00:59:09 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:03 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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